

## Rainier Beach NAC 10/5/2011 Meeting Notes

David S.

- Opening up school breaking down barriers fence
- Community college within school or Community Center
- Jamie Oliver -- schools use of food model

Harry

- Rainier Valley eats
- Community College
- School would be my first priority but don't want to "bust our pick" on something we have little control of.

Rudy

- Public safety
  - Crosswalks
  - Foot patrol
  - Horse
- Engaging students, professionals in creating a "memorial" like statue
- Planting median from 57<sup>th</sup> Ave S – S Henderson St
  - Crosswalk between Henderson and King Donut

Valerie

- Lighting
- Crosswalk

Kate

- Walkability
  - Bike plan
  - Improve walk score
  - Speed restrictions/bumps
- Adding safe bike route through Seward/Rainier. Include Cascade B.C.
- Walkability – clear, specific recommendations

Christy

- Verbage – bias toward "affordable housing". Need to attract all incomes
- Addressing zoning issues that inhibit economic development, small businesses

Cheryl

- Encourage artists to be here and open space
- Don't want this to be a wish list or laundry list
- Road diet on Rainier – parked cars as barrier to bikes
- Renton Ave. sharrows aren't going to work here; e.g. Portland greenways

Margaret

- Too much a wish list
- Crosswalks

Gregory

- Didn't go deep enough into Depts. that should be working on items
- Emotional links as well as physical, e.g. the valley or seeing lake or arts
- Working with media and blogs → a communication plans between city and community
- Recall what CM Clark said, "Can't tell someone to make a healthy community but could say build a curb at X location."
- Need tight themes and then have detail to be able to drill down
- Nothing is concrete

Peter

- There is an ongoing unique program -- RB Neighborhood Academy
  - e.g. child center
  - gardening
  - literacy

David S.

- Where is the beach
- Make lots of comments
  - Getting rid of parking lot
  - Getting rid of apartment
  - Floating piers
- Bringing media attention
  - Issue a call for community projects
  - Use events/projects to bring people together and show positive side of RB to media
- Design guidelines

Harry

- Are we grounded in the community?
- e.g. affordable housing is important

Cheryl

- I think transportation is an issue of equity

Rudy

- Where is the beach

Kate

- Themes – take just one bus to get to work, e.g. make bus hub xxx
- Tree pruning
- Beautification RB
- Power lines
- Removing overgrowth

Cheryl

- Schools – how can we have a strong neighborhood without strong schools

Peter

- Community working with SPS as well as use space
- Encourage people to be active in schools
  - e.g. tutoring
  - giving

Cheryl

- Beach needs to be porous (better access). Streets don't go through.

Margaret

- It's walkable, but there is no place to walk to

Gregory

- Education, we've been trying to make SPS realize Rainier Beach is an asset.
  - e.g. Atl nursery garden and school connection
- Teen space – what's here now
- Transportation – circulation among parks

Katie

- Charlie Cuniff in the Office of Sustainability & Environment – City project using shipping containers for businesses in Delridge
- Using parking lots for small businesses

David S.

- Gateway also on MLK
- Running integrating with touch stones
- Relationships to sports big interest in community
- Multicultural center might also be resource center